

In the Claims:

1-20. (Cancelled).

21. (New) A method for transferring bulk goods, without contamination, into or out of a container via a connection tube, comprising the steps of:

positioning the container and the connection tube one above the other,

arranging a hose film around the connection tube, so that it rests against an edge of the connection tube at an open end thereof so that it seals,

tying the hose film at a tying point beyond the connection tube so that a free end of the hose film, which can be widened in the shape of a funnel, remains beyond the tying point,

forming a clamping connection of opening of the container to the hose film so that a portion of the free end of the hose film remains beyond the clamping connection,

untying the tying point,

transferring the bulk goods,

tying of the free end of the hose film remaining beyond the clamping point,

pulling hose film out of a hose film supply until a region of clean hose film is available beyond the connection tube,

sealing of the hose film at two adjacent sealing points in the region of clean hose film,

cutting the hose film at a point between the two adjacent sealing points, one of the two sealing points remaining attached to hose film after said cutting,

pulling of hose film out of the hose film supply and tying the same again at a new tying point that is at a distance from the sealing point remaining in the region of the cutting point,

removing the sealing point remaining in the region of the cutting point and widening of the hose film between the cutting point and the new tying point to form a funnel shape.

22. (New) A method for transferring bulk goods according to claim 21, wherein the container has a flexible outlet

wherein the container, with an outlet thereof tied at a tying point, is positioned above the connection tube during said positioning step,

wherein a clamping connection is formed between the flexible outlet of the container and the hose film so that free hose film remains over the clamp connection,

wherein the tying points the outlet and hose film are untied during said untying step and

wherein the bulk goods are emptied from the container to the connection tube during said transferring step.

23. (New) The method according to Claim 22, wherein an axial sealing ring acts against an edge of the connection tube on an inlet side above the hose film, and makes sealing contact of the hose film against the edge of the connection tube on the inlet side.

24. (New) The method according to claim 23, wherein the hose film is supplied by a film carrier surrounding the connection tube.

25. (New) The method according to Claim 24, wherein the hose film is held against a first bead running around the periphery of the connection tube by an elastic fixing ring.

26. (New) The method according to claim 22, wherein said clamping connection is produced by a radial expansion ring surrounding a connection point on the outside and a counter ring supporting the connection point on the inside.

27. (New) The method according to Claim 25, wherein, when the hose film supply is used up, the hose film is no longer pulled out of the hose film supply and the following method steps are carried out after said cutting step:

removing the axial sealing ring,

pulling the elastic fixing ring, with the hose film, out of the first bead into a second bead located above the first bead,

fitting a new film carrier with new hose film, and clamping the end of the new hose film with a new elastic fixing ring in the first bead against the connection tube,
pulling the beginning of the new hose film out of the new film carrier,
sealing the new hose film against the old hose film at a sealing point located underneath the remaining sealing point of the old hose film,
pulling up the new hose film with the old hose film connected to it until the end of the old hose film is released from the second bead,
sealing the new hose film below the end of the old hose film at two adjacent sealing points,
cutting the new hose film between the two adjacent points leaving one of the sealing points remaining at cut end the end new hose film, disposing of the old hose film enclosed in the cut-off portion of the new hose film,
further pulling up of the new hose film and tying the new hose film at a tying point located at a distance from the sealing point remaining at the end thereof, and
removing the end sealing point and widening the new hose film to form a funnel shape.

28. (New) The method according to Claim 21,
wherein the container has a flexible outlet
wherein the container, with an outlet thereof tied at a tying point, is positioned above the connection tube during said positioning step,
wherein the hose film arranged around the connection tube during said arranging step is of a length sufficient for only a single filling process,
wherein the container, with an outlet thereof tied at a tying point, is positioned above the connection tube during said positioning step,
wherein a clamping connection is formed between the flexible outlet of the container and the hose film so that free hose film remains over the clamp connection,
wherein the tying points the outlet and hose film are untied during said untying step and

wherein the bulk goods are emptied from the container to the connection tube during said transferring step.

tying of the free end of the hose film remaining above the clamping point to the container outlet,

pulling the hose film until a region of clean hose film is available above the connection tube,

sealing of the hose film at two adjacent sealing points in the clean region,

cutting the hose film between the two sealing point in the clean region,

fitting a new hose film on the connection tube and clamping the end of the new hose film against the connection tube underneath the old hose film,

pulling out the beginning of the new hose film,

sealing the new hose film against the old hose film at a sealing point located underneath the sealing point of the old hose film,

pulling up the new hose film with the old hose film connected to it until the end of the old hose film is released,

sealing the new hose film below the end of the old hose film at a sealing point,

cutting the new hose film below the sealing point that is below the end of the old hose film, disposing of the old hose film packed in the new hose film,

pulling the new hose film up further and tying the new hose film at a tying point located at a distance from the sealing point remaining at the end,

widening the new hose film to form a funnel.

29. (New) The method according to claim 21, wherein the container is a transport container with a rigid outlet and is arranged sealed condition above the connection tube,

30. (New) The method according to Claim 29, wherein an axial sealing ring holds the hose film against an edge of the connection tube on the inlet side for making the sealing contact of the hose film against the edge of the connection tube on the inlet side.

31. (New) The method according to Claim 30, wherein the hose film is supplied from a film carrier surrounding the connection tube.

32. (New) The method according to Claim 31, wherein the end of the hose film is clamped with an elastic fixing ring against a first bead running round the periphery of the connection tube.

33. (New) The method according to Claim 32, wherein, when the hose film supply is used up, the hose film is no longer pulled out of the hose film supply and the following steps are performed after the cutting step:

removing the axial sealing ring,

pulling the elastic fixing ring, with the hose film, out of the first bead into a second bead located above the first bead,

fitting a new film carrier with new hose film, and clamping the end of the new hose film with a new elastic fixing ring in the first bead against the connection tube,

pulling the beginning of the new hose film out of the new film carrier,

sealing the new hose film against the old hose film at a sealing point located underneath the remaining sealing point of the old hose film,

pulling up the new hose film with the old hose film connected to it until the end of the old hose film is released from the second bead,

sealing the new hose film below the end of the old hose film at two adjacent sealing points,

cutting the new hose film between the two adjacent points leaving one of the sealing points remaining at cut end the end new hose film, disposing of the old hose film enclosed in the cut-off portion of the new hose film,

further pulling up of the new hose film and tying the new hose film at a tying point located at a distance from the sealing point remaining at the end thereof, and

removing the end sealing point and widening the new hose film to form a funnel shape.

34. (New) The method according to claim 22, wherein the sealing points are tying points.

35. (New) The method according to any claims 22, wherein the sealing points are welds.

36. (New) The method according to claim 22,
wherein the container has a flexible outlet,
wherein the container, with an inlet thereof tied at a tying point, is positioned below the connection tube during said positioning step,
wherein a clamping connection is formed between the flexible inlet of the container and the hose film so that free hose film remains over the clamp connection,
wherein the tying points of the outlet and hose film are untied during said untying step and
wherein the bulk goods are delivered via the connection tube to the container during said transferring step.

pulling hose film out of a hose film supply until a clean region of hose film is available underneath the connection tube,
sealing the hose film at two adjacent sealing points in the clean region,
cutting the hose film between the two adjacent sealing points in the clean region,
tying the free end of the inlet remaining above the clamping point against the hose film and securing it to it,
sealing of the inlet underneath the clamped connection at two adjacent points and cutting the inlet between them,
pulling hose film out of the hose film supply and retying it at a tying point at a distance from the cutting point of the hose film,

removing the sealing point in the region of the cutting point of the hose film, and widening the hose film between the cutting point and the tying point located at a distance from the cutting point to form a funnel shape.

37. (New) The method according to claim 36, wherein a radial sealing ring holds the hose film against the end of the connection tube on the outlet side to make the sealing contact of the hose film against the end of the connection tube on the outlet side.

38. (New) The method according to claim 37, wherein a film carrier surrounding the connection tube is used to receive the hose film supply.

39. (New) The method according to Claim 38, wherein the end of the hose film is clamped with an elastic fixing ring against a first bead running around the periphery of the connection tube.

40. (New) The method according to claim 39, wherein a radial expanding ring surrounding the connecting point on the outside and a counter ring supporting the connecting point on the inside are used to form the clamping connection of the inlet of the flexible container and the hose film.

41. (New) The method according to Claim 29, wherein, when the hose film supply is used up, , the hose film is no longer pulled out of the hose film supply and the following steps are performed after the cutting step:

removing the axial sealing ring,

pulling the elastic fixing ring, with the hose film, out of the first bead into a second bead located above the first bead,

fitting a new film carrier with new hose film, and clamping the end of the new hose film with a new elastic fixing ring in the first bead against the connection tube,

pulling the beginning of the new hose film out of the new film carrier,

sealing the new hose film against the old hose film at a sealing point located underneath the remaining sealing point of the old hose film,

pulling up the new hose film with the old hose film connected to it until the end of the old hose film is released from the second bead,

sealing the new hose film below the end of the old hose film at two adjacent sealing points,

cutting the new hose film between the two adjacent points leaving one of the sealing points remaining at cut end the end new hose film, disposing of the old hose film enclosed in the cut-off portion of the new hose film,

further pulling up of the new hose film and tying the new hose film at a tying point located at a distance from the sealing point remaining at the end thereof, and

removing the end sealing point and widening the new hose film to form a funnel shape.